



## News Release

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### **Salt Lake City Welcomes 40-Foot Colon**

*The Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup> Visits the Future Home of the Children's Museum April 1-8*

(Salt Lake City, UT) – The Utah Cancer Action Network and Utah Department of Health, in conjunction with Envirocare and The Children's Museum of Utah, will host an educational exhibit featuring the Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup> from April 1-8 at the future home of the Children's Museum at The Gateway.

The Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup> is a 40-foot long, 4-foot tall, crawl-through replica of the human colon designed to educate the public about colorectal cancer. It includes examples of healthy colon tissue, several non-cancerous diseases of the colon, polyps, and various stages of colon cancer.

The Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup> exhibit is free and open to the public beginning at noon on Friday, April 1. Hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday from noon until 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 5 p.m.

Physicians and other health professionals will be available to answer questions.

Educational information about colon cancer will be available at all times.

“The Colossal Colon is a great way for people in the community of all ages to get information on colon cancer and why it is important to get screened,” said Jan Heins, UCAN spokesperson at the Utah Department of Health. “We hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to tour the Colossal Colon.”

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Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. Almost 150,000 people will be diagnosed with colon cancer this year, and more than 55,000 of them will die. Fortunately, colon cancer is also one of the most preventable cancers – more than 90 percent of all cases could be prevented through proper screening methods.

The Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup>'s visit to Salt Lake City is presented by the Utah Cancer Action Network, Utah Department of Health, Envirocare and The Children's Museum of Utah. For more information, call 1-888-424-2100 or visit [www.ucan.cc](http://www.ucan.cc)

### **About the Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup>**

The Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup> is the creation of Molly McMaster, a colon cancer survivor who was diagnosed on her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday, with help and support from Glens Falls Hospital in Glens Falls, NY. The Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup> is dedicated to the memory of Molly's friend, Amanda Sherwood Roberts, who lost her battle with colon cancer at age 27. The Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup> was designed and built by Adirondack Scenic, Inc., a custom design and fabrication company. For more information about Molly or about the Colossal Colon<sup>®</sup>, please visit [www.ColossalColon.com](http://www.ColossalColon.com).

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